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Catch the Cure

Justin and Sue Tiffin with daughter Harper at the second annual Catch the Cure event at the Minden Hills Community Centre on Feb. 14. The event is a fundraiser for the Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics. More on page 4. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

Check vaccination records, health unit asks

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

There have been no cases of measles reported in the area served by the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit, but the health unit is urging residents to check their medical histories for measles vaccinations as outbreaks continue in other parts of the province.

As of Feb. 17, there were 16 confirmed

cases of measles in the province: one in York Region, one in Halton Region, nine in Toronto and five in the Niagara area.

"Because measles can easily be spread from person to person, local residents are asked to check their records to ensure they and their family members are up-to-date on their vaccinations for measles," said Anne Marie Holt, director of communicable disease control, epidemiology and evaluations for the health unit. "Vaccination

against measles is the most effective way to protect yourself and your loved ones."

Measles vaccinations in Ontario are administered to children at one year of age with the MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine and again before children enter school with the MMRV (measles, mumps, rubella, varicella) vaccine.

The health unit is recommending people check to ensure they received these two

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Council approves new landfill fees

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Minden Hills township will begin charging new tipping fees for waste that has not been disposed of properly at its landfills.

"Municipalities have taken steps to reduce the amount of unnecessary waste from entering the waste mound at the landfills," property and environmental operations manager Ivan Ingram wrote in a report received by councillors at their Feb. 12 committee-of-the-whole meeting. "Through education and monetary incentives, Minden Hills is performing well with an approximate 60 per cent recovery rate. However, there still remains room for improvement to increase this percentage."

One method is to charge a fee for waste that is not properly sorted.

"If it is determined the materials have not been sorted, the resident would have the option to pay a fee or to sort the recyclables to the attendant's satisfaction," Ingram's report read.

Councillor Lisa Schell, whose portfolio includes environmental and property operations, said the fees were a way to encourage

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Note to readers

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Exhibit probes love/hate relationship with winter

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Love it or hate it, winter, with its months' long barrage of snow and ice, is woven indelibly into the fabric of this country.

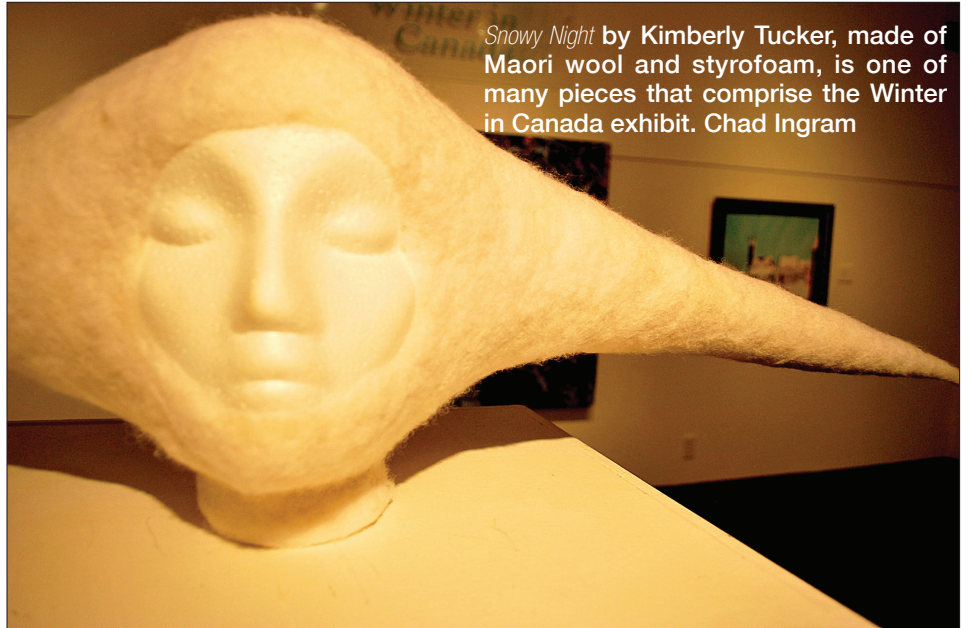
That idea, Canadians' love/hate relationship with the cold season is the theme behind Winter in Canada, showing at Minden's Agnes Jamieson Gallery until March 21.

"Winter plays a really big role in who

we are," said curator Laurie Carmount at the exhibit's Feb. 14 opening reception. "We've learned to live with it, and we're proud of that."

The gallery received more than 100 submissions for the show, with pieces in a wide range of mediums coming in from across the country.

"Winnipeg apparently has a lot to say about snow," said Carmount, who juried the show with the help of Sandra Dupret, principal of Haliburton's Fleming College campus.



Snowy Night by Kimberly Tucker, made of Maori wool and styrofoam, is one of many pieces that comprise the Winter in Canada exhibit. Chad Ingram

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NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION & PUBLIC MEETING

PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT (RZ-15-01)

1112 Red Umbrella Road

TAKE NOTICE that the Township of Minden Hills has received a complete application to amend the Township's Zoning By-law No. 06-10 pursuant to Section 34 of the *Planning Act*, RSO 1990, Chpt. P. 13, as amended. The site specific amendment applies to property municipally known as 1112 Red Umbrella Road and being located in Part of Lot 13, Concession 11 in the Geographic Township of Minden (see Key Map below).

AND TAKE NOTICE that Council for The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a public meeting under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P. 13 as amended, to inform the public of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. The purpose of the public meeting is to provide the public with an opportunity to understand and comment on the proposed Amendment.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The subject property is presently zoned Rural (RU). The purpose of the zoning by-law amendment is to change the zoning to Shoreline Residential (SR). Recently, a provisional consent (File H-026-2014) was granted to sever portions of the subject property for addition purposes to an adjacent undersized parcel of land. The application for rezoning has been submitted to meet the conditions of the provisional consent and will allow both the severed and retained parcels to comply with the Townships Zoning By-law.

DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING – RZ 15-01

Date: Thursday, March 12, 2015
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Municipal Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding the proposed Amendment is available to the public for inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Municipal Office located at 7 Milne Street on Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or by calling Mr. Ian Clendening at 705-286-1260 (ext.206).

ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the proposed by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills to the Ontario Municipal Board.

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If you wish to be notified of the decision of Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills in respect to the proposed amendment, you must submit a written request (with a forwarding address) to the Clerk of the Township of Minden Hills.

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KEY MAP RZ 15-01



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NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION & PUBLIC MEETING

9192 Highway 118

PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT (RZ-15-02)

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AND TAKE NOTICE that Council for The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a public meeting under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P. 13 as amended, to inform the public of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. The purpose of the public meeting is to provide the public with an opportunity to understand and comment on the proposed Amendment.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The subject property is presently zoned Hamlet Residential (HR). The purpose of the zoning by-law amendment is to change the zoning to Highway Commercial. The effect of the amendment is to permit a dog grooming establishment, a take-out restaurant, and other such uses permitted within the Highway Commercial (C1) Zone.

DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING – RZ 15-02

Date: Thursday, March 12, 2015
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Municipal Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario

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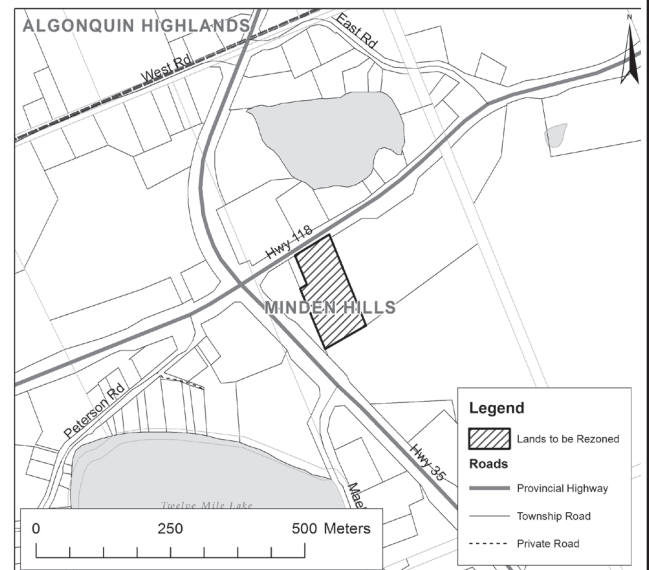
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Times a finalist for awards

The *Minden Times* is a top-three finalist for general excellence and editorial writing in the Better Newspaper Competition conducted by the Ontario Community Newspaper Association.

The list of finalists was released by the OCNA on Friday, Feb. 13.

General excellence includes all aspects of a newspaper, from reporting and writing to layout and ad design.

Bird is the word by Chad Ingram, about former Minden Hills reeve Barb Reid flipping off a constituent on Canada Day, is nominated for best editorial for papers with a circulation of 9,999 and under.

The *Times*'s sister paper, the *Haliburton Echo*, was also

nominated for several awards.

The *Echo* is a top-three finalist for general excellence in its circulation category; arts and entertainment reporting; education writing; feature/news series; feature photo; sports section and best creative ad.

Steve Galea, the *Times*'s humour columnist, is a finalist for Humour Columnist of the Year.

First, second and third place will be announced at a special gala presentation on Friday, May 22 in Toronto.

The *Times* has consistently won awards for general excellence since 2008.

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COTW/COUNCIL

February 26

NOTICE is given for a Public meeting at 9:00 am re: 2015 Budget & the 2015 Fees & Charges, Council meeting to follow

March 6

NOTICE of Special Meeting of Council – Closed Session (Sec. 239 3.1-Training) at 1:00 pm, Boardroom of the Administration Building.

March 12

Committee of the Whole meeting at 9:00 am with NOTICE of a Special Council meeting to follow re: 2015 Budget Approval

PUBLIC SKATING

at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena

Wednesday February 18 there will be NO PUBLIC SKATING as the facility is hosting the Ontario Senior Games

Regular schedule will resume Sunday February 22/15 from 12:00PM-2:00PM
Fee: by donation - Helmets recommended

ODRAP REVIEW

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is undertaking a review of the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program (ODRAP) to ensure the program design and criteria reflect current needs in addressing extreme weather events. As part of the review, the ministry is inviting public input. A consultation on the program is open on the ministry's website until March 4, at www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page10831.aspx.

Open to all who wish to share their comments or experience with ODRAP.

Comments can be submitted through the ministry website or to ODRAPConsultation@ontario.ca.

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IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION

The 2015 Interim tax bills will be mailed on February 27, 2015. Payments may be made in 2 installments; March 20th & May 15th, 2015.

Payments received after February 17th may not be reflected on your tax bill. Overdue amounts do not include penalty/interest for March.

Property owners are responsible to provide to the Municipal Office written notification of any address change.

Failure to receive your tax bill does not exempt penalty charges from being applied to a tax account.

Please contact our office if you have not received your bill(s) prior to the March due date or for a current balance update.

Visit www.mindenhills.ca or call for more information and for payment options.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on Thursday, February 26th, 2015 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., by-laws to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

1. File No. SRA-12-06
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Big Bob Lake, lying in front of Lot 12, Concession 3, Geographic Township of Anson, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9709, registered January 23, 2015.
2. File No. SRA-14-04
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Soyers Lake, lying in front of Lot 31, Concession 3, Geographic Township of Anson, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9711, registered January 23, 2015.
3. File No. SRA-14-05
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Mountain Lake, lying in front of Lot 7, Concession 6, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9710, registered January 23, 2015.
4. File No. SRA-14-06
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Horseshoe Lake, lying in front of Lot 13, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R9532, registered August 8, 2013.
5. File No. SRA-14-07
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Horseshoe Lake, lying in front of Lot 12 & 13, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 2 & 9, on a Plan of Survey 19R9532, registered August 8, 2013.
6. File No. SRA-14-09
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Horseshoe Lake, lying in front of Lot 12 & 13, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 3, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9532, registered August 8, 2013.
7. File No. SRA-14-13
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of the Gull River, lying in front of Lot 5, Concession 14, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9708, registered January 22, 2015.

The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said by-laws at the meeting to be held at the time and place noted above, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor, or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hillk this 11th of February, 2015.

Ian Clendening, MPI
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DATED this 18th day of February, 2015

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MH heading for 5.9 per cent levy increase

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Minden Hills residents will likely be looking at a tax increase of just less than six per cent at the lower tier level this year.

Councillors reviewed a revised draft of the township's 2015 budget at a special meeting of council Feb. 17.

While the draft budget presented at a council meeting earlier this month included a levy increase of 6.19 per cent over the 2014 budget, the draft presented Tuesday contained an increase of 5.9 per cent.

The bulk of that increase – 4.13 per cent – is to cover a spike in the township's OPP bill.

Passed by the provincial government in August, the new OPP billing formula will nearly double Haliburton County's collective OPP bill from approximately \$3.3 million to

approximately \$6.3 million during the next five years. The increase is being phased in during that time. In Minden Hills, the OPP bill will increase 57 per cent from about \$1.2 million to approximately \$1.9 million. For 2015, the first year of the phase-in, the township's OPP requisition will jump by \$245,000, from approximately \$1.2 million to more than \$1.4 million.

"That puts us, at what we're really in control of, at 1.77 per cent," said Reeve Brent Devolin. "Staff have done a really good job."

Growth accounts for 1.117 per cent of the levy increase, inflation 0.599 per cent.

The 2014 tax levy for Minden Hills was \$5.933 million. A 5.9 per cent increase equates to \$349,930, for a 2015 tax levy of \$6,283,760.

The roads department budget for 2015 is \$1.3 million and will draw \$281,000 from reserves, which were sitting at \$1.02 million at the end of 2014.

Traditionally, the township has tried to keep its roads reserves at a minimum of \$1 million as a safe, emergency contingency.

Grants to outside organizations will be capped at \$750 per organization, the exception being the Minden Agricultural Society, which runs the 150-year-old Haliburton County Fair. It will be able to request additional funding.

"The fair board, the agricultural society, I put in a different category than everybody else," Devolin said. "I would like to see them exempt from the cap limit."

The reeve emphasized the reason the township has the fairgrounds is because the land was ceded to the municipality for the purposes of holding the fair.

There will be a public meeting on the draft budget as part of the Minden Hills council meeting on Feb. 26.

Fees for those on the township's water and sewer system are scheduled to increase 2.5 per cent in 2015.

Waiving fees for affordable housing project

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Minden Hills will need to waive more than \$30,000 in municipal fees for the construction of an affordable housing complex off Stouffer Street.

The Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Housing Corporation intends to build a single-storey, 12-unit facility near the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena and would use \$1 million in funding from the feds and provincial government through the Investment for Affordable Housing in Ontario program.

Haliburton County council has agreed to contribute

\$100,000 to the project and the housing corporation is requesting Minden Hills donate the land, waive zoning and other municipal fees and eliminate or at least reduce taxes for the units.

A staff report indicates the township would waive \$9,000 in planning fees – including official plan and zoning amendment processing fees as well as fees associated with site plan approval – as well as nearly \$23,000 in building fees and permits.

These include building and plumbing fees for each unit, entrance permits with the roads department and connection fees for municipal water and sewer.

As for taxation, Reeve Brent Devolin said property taxes would not likely be waived entirely.

"We must at least reduce the rate from multi-residential to single-residential," Devolin said.

This is a legislated requirement for this type of project.

That means that rather than collecting \$4,000 in taxation on the building, the township would collect about \$2,900, a loss of approximately \$1,100.

Devolin said the project may entail other, unseen costs. Perhaps Stouffer Street would need an exit near the arena to avoid increased traffic flow along Invergordon Avenue, he suggested.

The housing corporation is hoping construction on the project will begin in early 2016, with occupancy occurring in early 2017.

Catch the Cure raises more than \$10,000 for AS research

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The second annual Catch the Cure event raised more than \$10,000 for research on Angelman Syndrome on Feb. 14.

Held at the Minden Hills Community Centre, the event included a silent auction and Lions Club spaghetti dinner, among other activities.

Organized by Sue and Justin Tiffin, whose two-year-old daughter Harper has Angelman Syndrome, proceeds will be donated to the Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics (FAST). FAST is run by a volunteer board consisting of parents of children with AS.

"In the short time they've been running, they have funded one human clinical trial and are about to launch a second for a therapeutic that aims to relieve many of the symptoms of AS," Sue wrote in an email to the paper.

Angelman Syndrome is a genetic neurological disorder characterized by intellectual disability, sleep disturbances and seizures.



It affects the 15th chromosome and International Angelman Day is held on Feb. 15.

Some 400 people attended Saturday's event, including six with AS.

For more information about the syndrome, visit cureangelman.org.

These glass heart ornaments were some of the many silent auction items up for bidding at Catch the Cure at the Minden Hills Community Centre on Feb. 14.

/Chad Ingram



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Hefty bills for poor sorting

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age better recycling practices.

"I think discouraging what's been happening is a good thing," Schell said. "We have to consider the lifespan [of the landfill] as well."

There will be a \$2 charge per bag of residential waste containing improperly sorted materials and an \$80 charge per cubic yard of improperly sorted construction waste. The township will also charge a \$25 fee per cubic yard of compacted household waste and \$10 per cubic yard of brush.

According to Ingram's research, these fees are consistent with those charge by other townships in the county.

"We are moving, as lower-tier municipalities, to set our fees in line with each other," Reeve Brent Devolin said.

Councillor Jean Neville was concerned having attendants sort through bags for improperly sorted waste was a lot to expect.

"They do take a lot of flack," Neville said. There will be fee increases in other areas as well.

The deposit for a commercial site plan application will increase from \$4,000 to \$5,600. Chief building officer Colin McKnight explained to council the \$4,000 was rarely enough to cover the work that has to be completed as part of such applications.

"We almost always have to go back to the applicant," McKnight said.

A \$1,000 fee, including a \$350, non-refundable fee, will also be required for private road development site plan applications.

In the community services department, while public skating has traditionally been paid for through donation, a \$2 per person fee will be initiated.



Celebrating winter on the ice

Grandma and grandpa Leslie and Bill Brown go skating with Bennett McGuire during Minden's annual Winterfest on Feb. 15. CHAD INGRAM Staff

High rate of vaccination needed: Holt

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vaccinations.

Adults born before 1970 are assumed to have an immunity to measles, but should still watch for symptoms.

These include fever, runny nose, cough, drowsiness, irritability, and sore, red eyes and the most telltale sign, red blotches on the face and body.

Law requires children attending school receive the vaccines, unless they have a valid exemption on file with the health unit.

A small minority of people are allergic

to vaccination.

The Times asked what part the trend of parents opposed to vaccinations may have played in the current cases of measles in the province.

"It's very difficult to say," Holt wrote in an email. "When it comes to any highly infectious disease like measles, it is in everyone's best interests to have a larger percentage of the population vaccinated. This means fewer people are susceptible to the disease. When a large proportion of a community is immunized against a disease like measles, most people are protected decreasing the potential for an outbreak."

"You often hear rates of vaccination in a community referred to as 'herd' immunity.

"When vaccination levels in an area get below a certain level, or the herd immunity goes down, the risk that diseases like measles can be spread in the community increases. Because measles is so easily spread between individuals, we require a high percentage of the population to be vaccinated in order to guard against its spread."

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The new McCarthyism

A RASH OF MEASLES cases in Ontario has put national attention on the “debate” around vaccines.

To be clear, there is no debate around vaccines. Not a real one.

There is legitimate debate around the efficacy and safety of vaccinating children the same way there is legitimate debate about the flatness of the earth, the necessity of oxygen for breathing or the merits of Charles Manson as a babysitter.

Vaccines work. In the span of a couple of generations, they have all but eradicated diseases such as measles, mumps, rubella, tuberculosis and polio. Smallpox was declared eradicated in the 1980s.

There are many still among us old enough to remember when these illnesses were serious threats, capable of plaguing populations.

It's amazing then that, in the span of just a few decades, there seem to be so many people so inconceivably audacious, so bafflingly backwards as to reject the sum total of Western medical knowledge, in the process putting their children, and the children of others, at risk.

They are anti-vaxxers, people who, their little craniums crammed with false science, do not believe in vaccinations, some even taking to spreading the message of their evil.

“Vaccinations aren't natural, man.”

You know what else isn't natural? The chemotherapy that has saved

the lives of millions of cancer patients.

The worst and most dangerous of these lunatics believe that vaccines are actually harmful, perhaps the most severe conspiracy theory being that they cause autism.

This baseless rhetoric, spouted by celebrity crusaders like moronic mouthpiece Jenny McCarthy, is held up as truth by some of the most misguided and misinformed.

It takes a special kind of stupid to take medical advice from a former Playboy bunny, unless that former Playboy bunny happens to be, well, a doctor.



CHAD INGRAM
Reporter

The myth of vaccines being somehow tied to autism dates to a 1998 article published in English medical journal *The Lancet*. It was later retracted and its author, Dr. Andrew Wakefield, had his medical licence

revoked after it was revealed that Wakefield, who had filed a patent for an alternative to the MMR vaccine, faked the data in the report.

Look it up.

It's Wakefield's fudged science that is ultimately behind the anti-vaccination movement.

There are of course other fears around vaccines.

They contain trace amounts of mercury. This is true. Know what else contains trace amounts of mercury? Tuna.

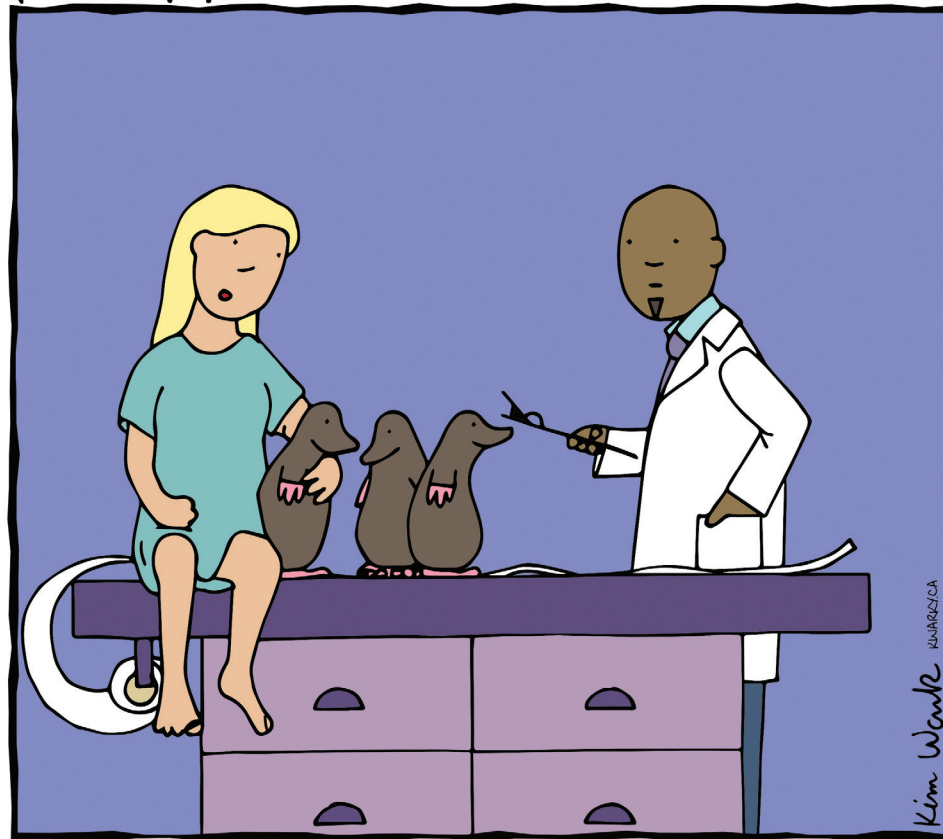
“Doctor, this tuna sandwich made my son autistic.”

No one would say that, though, right?

Because that would be crazy.

Vaccinate your kids.

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“I’VE GOT THREE MOLES AND THEY’RE GROWING.”

A little excitement please

I ALWAYS THOUGHT I led a fairly exciting life – after all, I always tie flies on Sunday, routinely watch news at 11 (and not always the same channel either), and fall asleep to a different book on fly fishing each night. I was quite content with this too, until a headline I just read made me reconsider how exciting my life really is.

The big letters read, “Man falls asleep during mugshot.”

I'll be honest. I didn't read any further than that. There was no need. I mean, if getting a mugshot is so boring to you that you actually fall asleep in the process, you clearly must be leading an incredibly exciting life. And, no doubt, one that we could all learn from.

True, had I read the rest of the story, I might have discovered that the criminal was merely too tired because he was suffering from insomnia or from staying up late playing Nintendo. Or maybe he just had narcolepsy.

But I didn't read further because I'd prefer to believe he was exhausted from a marathon car chase with the police or because he had just completed an art heist that required him to climb to 32 floors through a tiny air duct. Or maybe he had just taken on the entire New York mob in a no holds barred kung fu fight. All these things could explain his fatigue.

More to the point, all these things are more exciting than anything going on in my life right now.

This has inspired me to think of ways to make my life a little more exciting. Which is why, even as we speak, I am

considering the idea of wearing a flamboyant mask and cape when I pick up my mail, as I do every day at noon.

This is the quickest fix I can think of. If you wear a mask and cape it's almost impossible to lead a dull life. I'm not sure why that is. I can only guess it is because when you wear these things you are getting attention from the vast majority of people who do not, and never will, take this sort of fashion risk. And that's certainly exciting.

The problem with this, as I see it, is

twofold. First, capes are not exactly flattering to short people like me, especially when you continually trip over them. And second, wearing a mask is fine until you have a runny nose. This, I believe, is why there are very few northern superheroes.

So there you have it. I have considered and rejected the idea of wearing a mask and cape – which, you've got to admit, makes me a little

more exciting than most people on a Tuesday morning. Yet this still does not make my life as exciting as the life of a man who fell asleep during his mugshot.

In the end, however, I suppose excitement is a relative thing. I mean my life could definitely be less exciting than it is – I could take up croquet. But it will probably never be as exciting as that of mugshot man's. I suspect he has stories about falling asleep during gunfights too.

In the end, I suppose all a guy like me can do is change things up a bit at a time to add a little more spice to my life. Today, I'm going to the post office at 12:30.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

That winter stare

AN EPIDEMIC of Winter Stare is sweeping the county. Winter Stare is that mid-February ailment in which the sufferer develops a 20-foot stare in a 12-foot room. It is brought on by endless days of watching snow fall in minus 30 temperatures.

The only cure for Winter Stare is the arrival of spring. The symptoms, however, can be relieved by staying inside and drinking copious amounts of coffee, which is not supposed to be good for your health.

Happily, there is new information that coffee not only is not bad for your health, it might actually be good for it. Coffee apparently contains good stuff like Riboflavin (Vitamin B2), Niacin, Magnesium and Vitamin B5 that do nice things for your body.

A new study from Harvard University in the U.S. reports that drinking up to six cups of coffee a day does not increase risk of death from any cause, heart disease and cancer included. In fact, coffee might have some health benefits, some of which are promoted by people hyped on too much coffee, but some gaining credibility through scientific research.

Earlier studies have indicated that coffee might protect against liver cancer, Type 2 diabetes and Parkinson's disease. And, coffee drinkers are reported to be 65 per cent less likely to develop Alzheimer's Disease.



JIM POLING SR.
From Shaman's Rock

Another study, from the University of California, found that coffee improves memory. Volunteers were shown pictures, then half of them were given caffeine pills with the caffeine equivalent of two cups of coffee. The next day they were shown more pictures and asked if they were the same, different, or different but similar to the pictures shown the day before. The people who had taken

the caffeine pills were hands down better at identifying the pictures that were different but similar.

Interesting, but I drink a fair amount of coffee and still have trouble remembering where I was yesterday, never mind which pictures looked different but similar.

Any health benefits apparently apply to drinking black coffee. Milk and sugar of course change the equation. Also, research shows that the healthiest coffee is that brewed through a paper filter, which removes a substance that increases bad cholesterol.

Caffeine might have health benefits but one of them is not as a weight loss tool promoted by some clothing manufacturers. A couple of U.S. companies were advertising caffeine-infused girdles, bras and leggings that would help the wearer lose weight. They said the under garments broke down fat and cellulite to create more shapely bodies.

"Slimming and firming results are visible in under a month," said one advertisement.

U.S. regulators investigated and the companies were forced to stop the advertising and to pay out \$1.5 million in refunds.

Drinking coffee is known to increase metabolism, which helps burn fat, but dipping your undies in it is not going to help you lose weight.

One of the coolest things about coffee is that it is quick. Within 10 minutes of the first sip you start to feel that comforting tingle that kicks the brain into high gear.

The stimulating effects of coffee have been known for centuries. Various legends tell of animals going hyper after munching berries from low growing trees that later became known as coffee bushes. One of the legends has Ethiopian shepherds seeing their goats jumping and dancing about after eating the berries from coffee trees.

There are other versions of the legend, including birds feasting on coffee beans then flitting about nervously, flying upside down and performing other crazy aerial acrobatics.

Three cups of coffee will knock me out of the Winter Stare. However, no amount of caffeine ever will wire me up enough to go outside in this weather.

Snow has fallen, if only a trace, on every day of the first half of February. The average daily high temperature during the same time was minus 10; the average low around minus 21. That kind of weather is enough to give anyone the Winter Stare, if not drive them into complete madness

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This Week In...

When a newspaper has been serving a community for more than half a century, it builds up quite a collection of archives. The *Times* office is packed with boxes of old papers dating back to the 1960s, when the publication was known as the *Minden Progress*. It took the name the *Times* in the 1970s. Each of these boxes is like a time capsule, revealing the issues of the day. Many of the stories provide context for narratives that are still playing out in one way or another today. Every week, the *Times* will take a look at what happened in Minden 10 years before, in 2005, and 25 years before, in 1990.

From the Feb. 18, 2005 issue:

Elementary teachers with the Trillium Lakeshore District School Board join most of their colleagues throughout the province and vote to go on strike.

Thirty of the province's 32 union locals voted in favour of a strike, editor Martha Perkins reports. Weekly prep time was the main sticking point of the strike. Local teachers received 140 hours of preparation time per year and were seeking 200.

Following the lead of neighbour Algonquin Highlands, Minden Hills council decides it's time for the township to have a fulltime, paid fire chief. John Hogg had recently become the first fulltime fire chief in Algonquin Highlands. In Minden Hills, Doug Schell had been in the role on a part-time basis for a year and would eventually become the full-time fire chief.

County councillors disclose their 2004 remuneration. The county's highest paid politician was Warden and Dysart Deputy-reeve Bill Davis, whose pay and mileage totalled \$23,000 for the year.

The total for Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey was \$14,400; Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison \$14,000; Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Jim McMahon \$12,600; Highlands East Deputy-reeve Bill Howe \$11,700; Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney \$11,700; Highlands East Reeve Keith Tallman \$11,500; and Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Tom Gardner about \$11,000.

From the Feb. 19, 1990 issue:

Snowdon township passes a property standards bylaw that will force a salvage yard on the shore of South Lake remove vehicles from the property.

The bylaw, passed with no debate, specifically mentioned derelict vehicles in its wording. For months, the South Lake Association of Cottagers and Residents had been urging council to do something about the yard.

Lutterworth township adds its name to a list of Ontario municipalities declaring English the township's sole working language. Lutterworth was the fourth of the county's 10 municipalities to take this action. Townships were petitioning against the Ontario government's French Language Services Act.

Bowling for fun and forests

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust will be hosting its first annual Keep It Green St. Patrick's Bowl O'Thon on Saturday, March 14, at Fast Lane Bowling in Minden.

The land trust is looking for teams of up to six bowlers to come out for a fun afternoon and evening of friendly competition, lots of laughs, and fundraising. Teams will compete for best bowling score, best team spirit (best decorated team!), and most money raised. Have fun with it! Bring your kids, create a wacky team name, wear crazy costumes, and enjoy an afternoon or evening of bowling.

"This year is the Land Trust's 10th anniversary since incorporation," says land trust executive director Larry O'Connor. "We're celebrating it by looking for fun new ways to engage our community, build awareness, and raise funds to continue doing our work. We're excited to see people coming out to our events to have fun and raise funds for the future of our natural world. It's very

gratifying."

Contact Larry at e.d@haliburtonlandtrust.ca or 705-457-3700 for more details, or to sign up. No team? No problem! We'll introduce you to other bowlers and help you form a team.

Pledge sheets can be obtained at the Land Trust office, by email, or can be downloaded from our website (www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca). Pledges can be accepted by cheque, cash, or through our website. Your pledge will go toward supporting the Land Trust's ongoing efforts toward preserving the land we love for future generations.

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust is a charitable organization whose mission is to protect our county's greatest assets - lakes, rivers, streams, forests, fields and all the amazing creatures that live there. Through a combination of land acquisition, stewardship, education, outreach and research, we aim to ensure that the land we love is protected forever for future generations.

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Taking council out of staff appraisals

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Minden Hills councillors will no longer be involved in staff performance appraisals at the township.

Council decided at a Feb. 12 committee-of-the-whole meeting to reverse a decision made by the previous council to allow councillors voluntary input on the performance appraisals of township department heads.

Policy 28 was passed in a controversial 4-3 vote in the fall of 2011 by councillors who were part of former reeve Barb Reid's Vision Team slate. It was decried by Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch and councillors Lisa Schell and

Jean Neville, who said it was council's job to set policy, not micromanage staff.

Ten senior staff members – and additional lower level employees – left the township during the last term of council, some terminated, others resigning.

"Certainly one of my platforms was to get us as council out of employee performance appraisals," Reeve Brent Devolin said on Thursday. Devolin beat Reid and former councillor Brigitte Gall for the reeve's seat in the Oct. 27 election.

Devolin stressed it was important to keep council's role as setters of policy separate from the staff role of management.

"When we co-mingle, it undermines the system,"

Devolin said. "That has been rectified and I'm confident our CAO [chief administrative officer] will make sure these things are looked after."

A revised Policy 28 removes the opportunity for council input on appraisals and also standardizes the process by which employees are evaluated.

"It's designed to make sure we're all on the same page when we're evaluating employees," said chief administrative officer Lorrie Blanchard.

Council is making amendments to other township policies, including Policy 17, its procurement policy, and Policy 66, which governs the disposal of surplus goods.

The changes are designed to make the rules clearer for staff involved in these processes.



The following Archie Stouffer Elementary School students were recognized for excellence in the annual Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day poster and literary (essay and poem) contest: Front row, Damian Austyn Briand, second place in primary category for colour, Scott King, second place in junior category for colour poster, Riley Gullins, third place for primary category in colour poster, Baylie Claire Stover, first place in primary category in colour poster, Jaiden Mueller, first place in primary category for black and white poster, Maria O'Malley, third place in junior category for essay, Riley James Allore, second place for primary category in black and white poster. Back row, Grace Hudson, first place in junior category for colour poster, Hailey Bull, second place in intermediate category for poetry, Karley Wilson, second place in intermediate category for black and white poster, Dawson Mueller, third place in junior category for the black and white poster, Attila Adam Baricz, third place for intermediate category for black and white poster, Logan Tanner Roylance, first place in intermediate category for black and white poster, Ava Allaire, second place in junior category for the black and white poster and the essay competition, Olivia Johnson, first place for junior category in essay, Sydney Christian, third place for junior category in colour poster, Hannah Gartshore, first place for junior category in black and white poster, Liam McAlister, first place for intermediate category in the essay and poetry competition. Each of these students received a cash prize.

Baylie, Jaiden and Logan advanced to the zone competition (with 13 other branch representatives) and missed winning by two students while Liam came second for his essay. /Darren Lum

Poster contest winners recognized

Do something dramatic this summer

Live theatre is a collaborative enterprise. Never more-so than at this time of the year when plans are well underway for the coming Highlands Summer Festival season.

Long before the actors start rehearsal teams of people begin the many tasks of bringing the shows together. Builders, painters, seamstresses will soon be starting toget the various elements of the Summer Festival ready to go. The company is looking for people willing to donate time and skills to help make these important aspects of the theatre season happen.

The Festival is looking specifically for individuals with carpentry skills, people to assist with painting and individuals

who know how to sew a costume. The company is also looking for individuals who can assist or lead with the gathering and management of props and stage dressings and assist with the moving of and erection/removal of sets on the stage.

There are many people who make the Highlands Summer Festival sparkle. The majority you won't actually see on stage, but you do see the results of the collective efforts every time the curtain opens. If you are interested in helping in any of these areas, please contact the executive producer, Melissa Stephens at: melistep@gmail.com

You could be a part of something dramatic this summer!

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HHHS CEO clarifies rebranding

Provincial funds earmarked for communications necessary for informing public, Eskedjian says

by JENN WATT
Editor

Haliburton Highlands Health Services' plan to spend a \$50,000 grant from the province on rebranding includes more than a new logo, its CEO says.

At the HHHS board meeting Jan. 29, a discussion of rebranding the organization had come up and following that report in the newspaper, letters to the editor expressed concern that the price tag was too high. The letter writers suggested funds go to front-line staff rather than rebranding.

CEO Varouj Eskedjian said in an interview with the paper that the money – which comes from a provincial fund and is earmarked for communications – is essential for informing the public about the changing face of HHHS.

"The reason for it is we as an organization are not the same organization we were when Haliburton Highlands Health Services was formed and we built two hospitals on two sites in Minden and Haliburton. We're much more than a hospital," said Eskedjian.

While HHHS is best known for its acute care and emergency facilities, it also provides long-term care, mental health services and supportive housing. And in 2014 during the integration process, HHHS added community services including meals on wheels, hospice services, transportation services, adult day programming, diners' club, and more.

"We have changed by virtue of our integration with Community Care Haliburton County as well as receiving the transfer of the former SIRCH hospice program and the VON program that was offered for adult day," he said.

Add to that a \$1 million infusion to support high-risk seniors in Haliburton County through a GAIN (geriatric assessment and integration network), including support for those with mental health conditions, the hiring of a community GAIN co-ordinator, assisted living, physiotherapy services and a palliative care community team.

Things have changed so much in the last 15 years, Eskedjian said, that proper communications around the services and planned direction (as a leader in rural health care) is essential.

The \$50,000 comes from the Small Northern Rural Hospitals Transformation Fund and was specifically granted to HHHS for rebranding and communications following a year of intense transformation.

Eskedjian said that HHHS is careful with its money and puts the greatest amount of funding into front-line staffing.

"Sometimes we receive funding – and the \$50,000 is a good example of it – where we're only able to spend it for its intended purpose," he said.

He stressed that donations to HHHS through the foundation or auxiliaries goes directly to equipment and capital projects for which the money was given.

"It's important to point out we never use any donated dollars and we will never use any donated dollars except for their intended purpose, which is to buy equipment and things like lifts that enable our staff to provide best possible and latest modern care that we can provide to them."

Eskedjian said he hopes the \$50,000 from the province can help spread the word within the community of the new face of HHHS – its new staff, programming, services and goals of becoming a rural health leader.

Razzamataz presents The Mask Messenger on Saturday

Razzamataz Kids' Shows continues their first-class season of children's entertainment by presenting the Faustwork Mask Theatre production of The Mask Messenger Feb. 22.

Creator Rob Faust says that people have laughed so hard during the fun show that their jaws hurt afterwards.

The one man improv performance centres on how everyone wears many masks.

Faust says "I want people to come away from the show a little bit more relaxed and feel like they can stretch into different roles and reveal not just their happy side or their sad side – but to get out there, talk about, express it, move through it."

Faust brings a variety of masks to every show but doesn't end up wearing every one. Each performance is different, depending on the audience.

On Monday, Feb. 23, some lucky JDHES students will be participating in a mask making course with Faust. Students will learn how to bring a mask to life by using their body.

The Mask Messenger starts at 2 p.m. at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton.

Tickets are available at the door – \$8 for adults, \$6 for kids and those under two are free. Tickets are also available online at www.razzamataz.ca.

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- Winterdance Dogsled Tours

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- Chaulk Woodworking
- Crystal Image Studio
- Haliburton Chiropractic and Massage Therapy
- Haliburton Yoga
- Head Lake Grill
- Hot Sips Café
- JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports
- Minden 50s Diner
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- Biothermic Renewable Heating Solutions
- Chaulk Woodworking
- Haliburton Dance Academy
- Moose FM
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- Trophy Property Corp.

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- 13 Oaks Firewood & Wood Processing
- Baked & Battered
- Haliburton Highlands Brewing
- Maple Avenue Tap & Grill
- McArthur Tree Service
- OfficePlus+
- Pet Valu Haliburton
- Yummy Mummy Emporium

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- A Place Called Home
- Algonquin Gateway Business Association
- Bark Lake Cultural Developments
- Canoe FM
- Community Living Haliburton County
- Dorset Community Partnership
- Haliburton County Community Co-Operative
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- Haliburton Highlands Land Trust
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- Cottage Hill Furniture & Cabinets
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High level of care paramount: report

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Funding, long-term care and the cost of medication were just some health care concerns area residents expressed in public consultations conducted by the City of Kawartha Lakes Family Health Team.

Those findings, compiled in a report, were submitted to Haliburton County council by health team executive director Mike Perry during a Feb. 13 council meeting. In partnership with area health teams, including the one for the Haliburton Highlands, public consultations took place in Fenelon Falls, Beaverton, Lindsay, Bobcaygeon, Omemee and Haliburton in late 2013 and early 2014.

The consultations were attended by about 100 people.

"Some of the findings, I'm sure, won't surprise anyone in this room," Perry told councillors. One of those findings was that residents are OK with their tax dollars being spent on health care, so long as they continue to receive a high level of care.

"Continued, sustained – and increased – funding of health-care services was the predominant concern of participants at the consultations," the report reads.

"People also expressed concerns about the lack of public information around proposed funding models for the health-care

system." A new health accord, the system through which the federal government provides health-care funding to provinces, was renewed in 2014.

The province's Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) also came up during consultations.

"Some people argued the LHINs work well and were also very appreciative of the services and programs offered by community health centres," the report reads.

"Other participants expressed concerns about insufficient local direction and input in health-care services and funding decisions." Other findings included a want for increased staffing at long-term care homes, a need for recruitment of more doctors and health-care professionals in rural areas and a desire for more at-home care.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt wondered what would become of the report. "Other than presenting it, as you are doing, what's going to happen to it?" Moffatt asked Perry. Perry said the report was a device local politicians could use in their conversations with other levels of government. "It's giving you a tool to say, look, we have concrete evidence," he said. Perry, who was recently named the NDP candidate for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock for this year's federal election, said he's also going to take the report to Ottawa.

A Place Called Home gets funding for shelter services

by ANGELICA BLENICH
Times Staff

Some much needed funding from the City of Kawartha Lakes is going to ensure that A Place Called Home continues offering hostel services that help residents of Haliburton County.

At a Feb. 10 City of Kawartha Lakes council meeting, councillors passed a motion to give the homelessness prevention organization up to \$73,000 in additional funding for 2015.

The money is in addition to a significant yearly sum APCH receives from CKL and is to be used for hostel funding, according to draft minutes provided by the CKL chief administrative officer.

The funds are coming out of the city's health and social services budget.

Based out of Lindsay, APCH delivers services throughout Haliburton County with a full-time outreach co-ordinator in the Highlands, as well as shelter to those in need in CKL.

While it is not yet clear if APCH will be receiving the full \$73,000, the organization's executive director said she is feeling hopeful.

"That will ease some of the burden on us and enable us to keep running this year without making any major changes or cuts to staff or services," said Lorrie Polito, executive director for APCH. "That's better than just closing the door and not having

any talks. So we're very pleased with that outcome. It's a great start."

The current financial challenges APCH is facing are not unique, as cities and municipalities are tightening their budgets.

APCH's goal is to offer needed support to those seeking shelter and a place to live.

"It's difficult for all agencies out there trying to get by as a not-for-profit," said Polito. "We're not the only ones."

One of the organization's biggest concerns and challenges is reduced staff working after-hours, sometimes with just one staff member on duty, said Polito.

"We're seeing an increase in the number of elderly people that need our help," she said.

The services offered by APCH in Haliburton County are funded federally and will therefore continue until 2016 regardless of the decision from CKL, said Polito.

She believes it's in everyone's interest to keep the social services agency active, as it benefits both its users and the area it serves.

A service agreement between A Place Called Home and the City of Kawartha Lakes has been in place since 2002.

"We're very connected to the city," said Polito. "But as they have said ... they are not 100 per cent responsible for covering every dollar that you need to run the hostel. But to do what they need us to do then they kind of are."

County insurance climbs by \$15,000

Haliburton County's insurance plan will cost more than \$15,000 more than it did last year.

The municipality's annual insurance renewal is jumping from less than \$193,000 last year to \$207,300 for its 2015/16 policy.

The county purchases insurance from Jardine Lloyd Thompson Canada.

Treasurer Laura Janke told councillors the reason for the price spike is an increase in the county's year-round population, as the company is now using an updated Statistics Canada figure in its calculations.

While it had been using a figure of 14,000 and change, the updated figure pegs the county's permanent population at about 17,000.

"They've now using a new Stats Can number," Janke said. "That drives up their liability policy." -Chad Ingram



Haliburton Highlands Palliative Centre

Palliative Care Suite Concept



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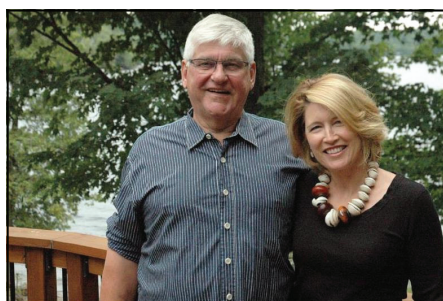


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County ambulances go high-visibility

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Haliburton County's ambulances will be more visible in the future, starting with the new ambulance the municipality is buying this year.

At their Feb. 13 meeting, county councillors approved a request from EMS director and paramedic chief Craig Jones, asking that the county's new ambulances be outfitted with high-visibility decals.

The county is purchasing a new ambulance in 2015 for approximately \$120,000, plus taxes.

Jones requested that vehicle and future ambulances receive high-visibility green decals, the same shade used on the paramedics' jackets.

The county's ambulances are white with orange stripes, as was common practice beginning in the 1980s.

"The high-vis green is the most visible to the human eye ... because it doesn't exist in nature," Jones said, explaining the colour is already used on emergency vehicles in other municipalities, including the neighbouring District of Muskoka.

He said the high-visibility colour makes an especially noticeable difference at night and showed councillors photos, comparing the paint styles.

"Night and day difference," Jones said.

Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen wondered what the cost implications were.

Jones said the decal packages the county has used in the past cost about \$1,500 and that the high-visibility decals will cost about \$3,600 per truck.

"It does cost more, yes," Jones said, but added there was room in his budget, especially with the money the department is saving on diesel.

The county ambulances – there are seven in its fleet –

are replaced on a seven-year cycle, meaning it will take seven years before all the machines are outfitted with the high-visibility colours.

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— CRAIG JONES
EMS DIRECTOR AND PARAMEDIC CHIEF

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CHA program surveys 2,500 lakefront properties

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Nearly 2,500 lakeside property owners will receive report cards on their shorelines this spring through the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Association's Love Your Lake program.

CHA president Paul MacInnes gave Haliburton County councillors an update on the program during their Feb. 13 meeting.

During the summer, university students and volunteers travelled 11 lakes, observing 2,486 properties.

Natural shorelines, those which are unaltered and contain native vegetation instead of lawns, are beneficial to lakes since they help reduce erosion and contribute minerals such as calcium to lake ecosystems.

Benthics – bottom-dwelling invertebrates – are one of the key indicators of lake health and MacInnes said the contrast between the amount of benthics adjacent to a property with a natural shoreline compared to one without is astounding.

"You'll see an enormous difference in the amount of benthic invertebrates, which are the canary in the coalmine," he told councillors.

Data was collected for Redstone, Little Redstone, Bitter, Burdock, Pelaw, Boshkung, Drag, Spruce, Koshlong, Kashagawigamog and Grass lakes.

Confidential reports with results will be mailed to property owners this spring, leaving it up to them to make environmentally friendly changes to their shorelines if they so wish.

"It lets us know where we stand," MacInnes said. "It builds awareness."

Another six lakes – Halls, Big Hawk, Little Hawk, Kawagama, Bear and Kushog – containing 2,000 properties are scheduled to be surveyed in 2015.

The CHA has been successful in obtaining funding for re-naturalization demonstration sites and is looking for each of the county's municipalities to put forward a suitable site.

The CHA has gathered some \$225,000 of the \$320,000 it believes it requires, with money coming from the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council, The Land Between, the Trillium Foundation, the Haliburton County Development Corporation and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

MacInnes told councillors that the program has also yielded hidden benefits, such as business for local designers, landscapers and nurseries as people re-naturalize their shorelines and increased membership for lake

associations.

One local association gained nearly 100 new members because of the program, which is being conducted in conjunction with the U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research.

"Folks are making the connection between shoreline health and lake quality," MacInnes said.

MacInnes said some 50 lake associations have expressed interest in the program.

Notices



County of Haliburton

TENDER ADVERTISEMENT CONTRACT NO. 2015-22

HOT MIX PAVING AND GRANULAR SHOULDERING LOCATION(S):

COUNTY ROAD No. 7(a)
Rehabilitation of a Rural Section of Roadway Commencing 97m South of the intersection of Shanes Circle continuing Northerly for approximately 470m, terminating 61m South of Green Lake Road

COUNTY ROAD No. 7(b)
Rehabilitation of a Rural Section of Roadway Commencing 16m South of the intersection of Backwoods Lane continuing Northerly for approximately 4.8km, terminating 100m North of Growler Lake Drive

COUNTY ROAD No. 14
Application of Fiberglass Reinforced Chip Seal and Hot Mix Patching to a Rural Section of Roadway Commencing at the intersection of Hwy#118 continuing Northerly for approximately 8.6km, terminating 100m North of Eagle Lake Road.

SCOPE OF WORK:

Without limiting the generality of this Contract, the work comprising this Contract consists of, but is not necessarily limited to, the following:

- The pulverization of the existing road surface and re-shaping/grading of the road way cross-section,
- The placement of 100mm of quarried Granite Granular 'A' to the upper base course, compacted and shaped to desired cross-fall,
- The supply and placement of 50mm depth of hot mix asphalt,
- The paving of all commercial and side road entrances within the project section, and
- The Application of Fiberglass Reinforced Chip Seal

Approximate Quantities:

HL4 Surface Course	5,950 tonnes
Granular 'A' Shoulders/Entrances	14,650 tonnes
In-Place Processing	52,600 sq.m
Fiberglass Reinforced Chip Seal	62,800 sq.m
R&R 3 Cable Guide Rail	640 m
Adjust Steel Beam Guide Rail	545 m

SEALED TENDERS, on the forms supplied, will be received at the County Administration Building, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, 13 St. Germaine Street, Minden, Ontario

Until:

11:00 a.m. Local Time on March 2, 2015
FOR TENDER FORMS, Please Contact:
Pam Weiss, Administrative Assistant
(705)-286-1762 Email: pweiss@county.haliburton.on.ca



County of Haliburton REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS

The County of Haliburton will be accepting quotes to provide the following materials and/or services:

2015 Aggregate Material Supply Quotes

2015-01 Hired Truck & Equipment Quoted Rates

To be received no later than March 9, 2015 @ 1:00 p.m.

2015-02 Road Sweeping

To be received no later than March 2, 2015 @ 1:00 p.m.

2015-03 Supply & Delivery of Guide Posts

To be received no later than March 2, 2015 @ 1:30 p.m.

2015-04 Roadside Mowing

To be received no later than March 2, 2015 @ 1:00 p.m.

2015-12 Supply & Delivery of

Warning and Regulatory Signage

To be received no later than March 3, 2015 @ 11:00 a.m.

Quotes are to be submitted on quotation forms provided by the County. For further information or to obtain forms, please contact:

Pam Weiss, Administrative Assistant
County of Haliburton, Public Works Dept.
13 St. Germaine Street, P.O. box 399
Minden, ON K0M 2K0

Tel: 705-285-1762 x 225 Fax: 705-286-4881
Email: pweiss@county.haliburton.on.ca



TENDER ADVERTISEMENT CONTRACT NO. C503-26.6-15

HOT MIX PAVING AND GRANULAR SHOULDERING

LOCATION: COUNTY ROAD NO. 503
Rehabilitation of a Rural Section of Roadway Commencing at the intersection of County Road 3 and terminating East of County Road 507

COUNTY ROAD NO. 507

Rehabilitation of a Rural Section of Roadway Commencing at the Intersection of County Road 503 and terminating at the intersection of Contau Lake Road

SCOPE OF WORK:

Without limiting the generality of this Contract, the work comprising this Contract consists of, but is not necessarily limited to, the following:

- The pulverization and milling of the existing road surface and re-shaping/grading of the road way cross-section,
- The placement of 100 mm of quarried Granite Granular 'A' to the upper base course, compacted and shaped to desired cross-fall,
- The supply and placement of 50mm depth of hot mix asphalt,
- The paving of all commercial and side road entrances within the project section,
- Approximate Quantities:

HL4 Surface Course	2,300 tonnes
Granular 'A' Shoulders/Entrances	5,200 tonnes
In-Place Processing	17,000 sq.m
Cold Milling (50mm curb areas)	4,000 sq.m
R&R Cable Guide Rail	555 m

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Red Hawks lose to I.E. Weldon

On Thursday, Feb. 12, the Red Hawks travelled to Lindsay to take on I.E. Weldon High School, hoping to avenge a home loss in December to Weldon, 32-21. Unfortunately, the Red Hawks lost, 39-19. The score at the end of the first quarter was Weldon 9, Red Hawks 8. The second quarter was really the undoing of Haliburton. The team made seven turnovers in that quarter, leading to many points by Weldon, resulting in a halftime score of 19-10. The third quarter was good for Haliburton, trailing 29-18. However, the fourth quarter saw the Red Hawks score only 1 point, which left the final score of 39-19.

The Red Hawks had a second quarter of scoring only two points and a fourth quarter of scoring only one point. It was difficult for the Red Hawks to overcome the seven turnovers in the second quarter. They ended up having 17 turnovers for the game. The first quarter saw Haliburton have only one turnover. The players could see that when they don't make turnovers, they were right in the game, trailing by only one point.

Senior point guard, Will Stephenson, played an excellent floor game. Will had only one turnover in the entire game. He also scored four points and had two rebounds. High scorer was Cody Bain with eight points. He also had three rebounds. Nick Thompson scored four points and had three rebounds.

That game concluded the regular season for the Red Hawks, dropping them to 5-5 in the conference and 7-11 overall. The playoffs begin on Wednesday, Feb. 18. Their first opponent is Lakefield at 11:30 a.m. in Lindsay. If the Red Hawks win that game, they advance to the second round game at 2:30 p.m. that same day.

The Red Hawks will have another post season playoff on Tuesday, Feb. 24. All of the Class A schools in the conference will be playing against one another. Class A is all schools with enrollments of under 500 students. There are four teams in that playoff. If the Red Hawks were to win that playoff, then they would advance to the COSSA Class A playoffs.

Submitted by Gord Cochrane

Community shares credit for Morrison tourney

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

There might have been more than 220 players who laced up their skates to play in the seventh annual Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament from Friday, Feb. 6 to Sunday, Feb. 8 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena, but the thanks for the success needs to be shared.

The tournament is named for Scotty Morrison, a former NHL chief referee and NHL Hall of Fame inductee, who is a strong supporter of Community Support Services (formerly Community Care Haliburton County) because of how it supported him and his wife in her last days.

This event raised a net value of more than \$38,000 for the Community Support Services, which provides services such as meals on wheels, transportation, emergency response systems, friendly visiting, roving lunch club, home help/maintenance, telephone security checks, palliative care, hospice, adult day program, foot care and supportive housing.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services executive director Dale Walker emailed the *Times* a list of thank yous that included Haliburton's Matt Duchene of the Colorado Avalanche for his sponsorship of the ice rental time and his donation of a framed photo from the Olympics showing him and teammates Sidney Crosby, Jonathan Toews and John Tavares, which raised \$1,100; the timekeeper sponsor Udvari Construction and Enterprises Inc and corporate sponsors Pathway Group and Labatt Breweries and the businesses, corporations and community for "generously donating over 150 items for the draws and auction."

"All of this would not be possible without the dedication of the event's committee members and so many volunteers ... in particular the tournament convener Walter Tose and the bar co-ordinator Mark Dennys," she said. "Both of those gentlemen put in a lot of hours."

Tose, tournament convener, echoed Walker's assess-

ment of the event, but added, "Scotty's Pub Night and Hot Stove Lounge was a tremendous success, going two hours with lots of great questions from Rick Lowes, and even better answers and some very funny and candid answers and stories from the panel made up of Scotty, Bill McCreary, Ray Scapinello, Walt McKechnie, Bernie Nicholls and Steve Ludzik."



Scotty Morrison addresses the audience at the Scotty's Pub Night and Hotstove Lounge. /DARREN LUM staff

Boys participate in Falcon Classic

The senior boys' basketball team travelled to Petawawa for the annual Falcon Classic. The boys improved tremendously throughout the tournament, gaining knowledge from seasoned players.

The junior boys' Red Hawks basketball team participated in the Falcon Classic tournament. After losing the initial game to Lively from Sudbury 50-31, the

boys defeated St. Joe's from Renfrew 40-33 led by the twin towers Shane O'Reilly and Chris Thompson, who had 15 and 14 points respectively. The boys had an early start on the second day of the tournament and were unable to defeat Bishop Smith School.

Snowboarders fare well at Kawartha

The snowboarding team travelled to Sir Sam's for the Kawartha meet. Our boys' team placed first and third overall and our girls' team placed first overall. In individual boys Regan Casey won gold and Josh Rowden bronze. In individual girls Robin Hogarth won gold, Hunter McTeague silver, and Christine Bishop bronze.

First victory against Falcons

The senior boys' basketball team travelled to Fenelon Falls and brought home its first victory in over five years against the Falcons. The win was a true team victory, with rebounding, ball movement, and defence making the difference. Will Stevenson had a career high 18 points in the victory.

Juniors work hard against Falcons

The junior Red Hawks basketball team played an intense and inspired game against the league-leading Fenelon Falls Falcons. Despite losing 40-19, the boys contested every shot and made the Falcons work hard for every bucket. Owen Patterson-Smith led the Hawks with five points, while Sam Longo, Chris Thompson, and Cam Little had four points each.

Girls keep championship goal alive

The varsity girls' hockey team travelled to Fenelon Falls to keep their Kawartha championship goal alive. After a slow first period start, the Red Hawks jumped out to a second period 3-0 lead. The Falcons spoiled our shut-out late in the third period. The Hawks netted another goal to finish the game with a 4-1 victory. Haliburton snipers were Erin Little, Sydney Feir, Alicia Mclean, and Kenndal Marsden.

Fifth place for Nordic ski team

At the COSSA Nordic Skiing competition at Hardwood Hills, Sam Longo competed in the longest race of his life and posted his fastest average speed, qualifying for OFSAA with a fifth place finish in junior boys.

Fourteen wrestlers in top spots

Congratulations to the Red Hawks wrestling team on their success at the Kawartha wrestling championship. Fourteen of our wrestlers placed in the top four of their weight class to advance to COSSA.

Boys' hockey team wins three

The boys' Red Hawk hockey team put on a charge to win all three of their Kawartha league games this week. The Hawks defeated the Wildcats from I.E. Weldon by a score of 9-0 on Wednesday. In a double header, the Hawks defeated Cobourg West 4-3 and the Holy Cross Hurricanes by a score of 4-1. The three wins complete the season, with the Hawks finishing in first place in the league.

Submitted by Judi Paul

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LOCALSPORTS

Storm girls blaze through first round of playoffs

The Minden Car Quest Auto Midget B girls wrapped up their first round of their League Playoffs Friday night in Haliburton against the Lindsay Lynx.

The Storm won the four-point series, 4-0 with their second win, Friday night with a score of 3-2.

Brynn Meyers gave the Storm an early first period lead putting the puck into the net off a goal mouth scramble. Kenndal Marsden made it 2-0 late in the first with a quick wrister beating the Lindsay tender glove side.

A power-play marker made the score 3-0 in the second period with Kenndal Marsden's one-timer snap shot off a sweet pass from Cassidy Garbutt ... just like in practice. The pesky Lynx never gave up and capitalized on a bouncing seeing-eye single that found its way into the back of the net midway through the third period.

The Storm had trouble finding their first period up-tempo gear as they tried to close out the game.

Lindsay made the game a nail-biter off a ricochet puck drawing close at 3-2 with less than two minutes to play.

The Storm defence stepped up and shut down any further Lynx attacks to secure the win and take the first round series. The Storm will now face the West Northumberland Wild in round two.

The Storm also started their Provincial Playdowns last Thursday night on the road against the Keene Wolverines.

The four game series against Keene, Cold Creek (Haliburton Feb. 17 at 8 p.m.), Peterborough (Haliburton at 2 p.m.) and West Northumberland (Sun on the road) will determine who represents our region at the Provincial Playdowns.

The Storm girls battled the Wolverines in a hard fought contest. After two scoreless periods, Kelsey Maracle Maracle put the Storm up 1-0 early in the third period with a quick snap shot that beat the Keene tender low blocker-side.

Keene had a chance to tie the game midway through the third period with a breakaway, but Connor Marsden stoned the Wolverine sniper to maintain the 1-0 lead.

With the Keene goalie pulled and less than a minute left in the game, Kenndal Marsden iced the win with an empty netter to secure the 2-0 win.

The top team in this round robin play format will advance to the All-Ontario Provincial midget B weekend Championship at the end of March.

Our record to date for the season, including league play, tournament, playoffs and playdowns is a stellar 2-1-3! Keep up the focused play girls and keep the gas tank charged as we continue to hit the ice for League Playoffs and Provincial Playdowns. Your efforts determine our success. Submitted by Dan Marsden

Winning weekend for Peewee A Storm

The Highland Storm Minden Pharmasave Peewee A Team faced off against the Stirling Blues in the second round of play-offs winning the series in three straight.

On Saturday, Feb. 14 the boys travelled to Stirling to face off for the first game of the series. After a long car ride and not playing a game in over two weeks, the boys got off to a slow start but quickly found their legs finishing with a 4-3 win in overtime. Goals scored by Isaac Little, Zach Morissette, Braeden Robinson and Alex Little with assists by Nigel Smith, Ryan Hall, Aaron Bellefleur, Paul Turner and Benn MacNaull.

On Sunday, Feb. 15, the Storm played host in Haliburton for game two of the series. The Minden Pharmasave Peewee A's made the home crowd proud with a 7-4 win. Goals scored by Nigel Smith (2), Zach Morissette (2), Alex Little, Tyson Clements and Isaac Little with assists by Nigel Smith, Ryan Hall, Tyson Clements, Isaac Little, Cole Prentice, Benn MacNaull, Alex Little and Braeden Robinson.

The team headed back to Stirling on Family Day, Monday, Feb. 16, finishing the series with another 7-4 win. Goals scored by Isaac Little (3), Nigel Smith, Tyson Clements, Ryan Hall and Cole Prentice, assists by Paul Turner, Isaac Little, Tyson Clements, Nigel Smith, Benn MacNaull, Aaron Bellefleur, Alex Little, Ryan Hall and Zach Morissette.

Joe Boice and James Alexander who are both out with injuries are wished a speedy recovery! Hope you are both back on the ice by the next series!

A shout out to "Big E" Ethan Glecoff for fantastic effort keeping the puck out of the net as well as Coach Morissette and his coaching team in helping the boys in their success!

Round three starts the weekend of Feb. 28 against either Listowel or Elmvale for the all Ontario semi-finals!

Let's go, Storm!

Submitted by Jennifer Little

Storm Bantam A take a 2-1 lead in series

The Storm gave Game 2 to the Gananoque Islanders, 5-2. They managed to take Game 3 in overtime, 3-2, that giving the Storm a 2-1 lead in the series. Both games were played in Haliburton, Saturday and Sunday of the long weekend.

It started off extremely exciting, both teams aggressively working hard to dominate. It was Gananoque that delivered, taking a 4-1 lead, by the end of the second. The Storm's first goal was well earned. A hard rush by Cooper, pass to Schmidt, his shot snuck under the goalie. Gananoque came out strong in the third period with another goal.

Midway through the period, Manning rushed and managed a shot passed the goalie, unassisted. The Storm worked hard and was left with a respectable lost.

Next day, the Storm buckled down and was prepared for the Islanders. It took tenacious effort early in the first to grasp the lead. Devyn Prentice to Patterson-Smith, he pushed passed the defense and fired a shot over the goalie. Shortly later, the Islanders tied it up.

A battle around the net resulted in a goal by Schmidt. Helped out by Manning and Cooper. The back and forth action contin-

ued late into the third. With minutes left, the Islanders tied it up, sending the game into overtime. The Storm fought vigorously for the puck and was rewarded with a fortuitous bounce that gave Schmidt the

game-winning goal.

The Highland Storm Bantam A team is proudly sponsored by Smolen Dentistry.

Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke



The winning team from Uxbridge holding the CarQuest trophy. From left, Jim Barton, lead; Andy Hemphill, vice; Mike Smith, skip and Glynn Bayliss, second.

Uxbridge wins Carquest spiel

The annual Carquest of Minden Senior Men's Invitational Bonspiel was held on Feb. 3 at the Minden Curling Club.

There were 16 teams from clubs in Wilberforce, Haliburton, Uxbridge, Fenelon Falls, Oakwood, Orillia, Bobcaygeon, Beaverton and Minden participating. The overall points winner was the team skipped by Mike Smith from Uxbridge.

The Minden Curling Club and all teams would like to thank Carquest of Minden owners Andy and Christa Rickard for their

continued support of this event.

The first draw winners were: first Dave Millington, Minden; second John Hensen, Bobcaygeon; third Frank Ingram, Oakwood; fourth Ed Copeland, Minden

The second draw winners were: first Mike Smith, Uxbridge; second Peter Byer, Haliburton; third Murray Cooper, Minden; fourth Don Bunt, Beaverton

Thanks to all who participated and helped to make this event a great success.

Submitted by Gord Sheehan

Careers



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON
is seeking a CAO/Clerk

The Haliburton Highlands is a vibrant region located in Central Ontario. Four municipalities make up the County of Haliburton: Algonquin Highlands, Dysart et al, Highlands East and Minden Hills. There are over 600 clear lakes, stunning scenery and it is only a 2 ½ hour drive from the Greater Toronto Area. The Haliburton Highlands is well known as cottage country for many, an active community of artists, independent businesses, outdoor enthusiasts and for those enjoying a relaxed and vibrant lifestyle. This could be your location to live, work and play – come and join us in #MyHaliburtonHighlands.

Reporting to Council, the CAO/Clerk is responsible for the strategic management of the County's human resources and finances. The CAO/Clerk is responsible for making recommendations and providing guidance to Council on a broad range of policies and administrative issues.

We are seeking an experienced, innovative leader who will provide strong leadership to the organization. You are politically astute and will have excellent interpersonal, communication, negotiation and facilitation skills. You will have the ability to work effectively with staff, Council and stakeholders and have a comprehensive understanding of departmental operations. As the CAO/Clerk you will have a thorough understanding of municipal functions, governance structure, legislative framework and challenges that face local government. You will be a creative thinker, experienced in recommending and implementing short and long term plans. You will have proven progressive management /leadership experience that will enable you to be our CAO/Clerk.

Resume and covering letter should be submitted electronically to Evelyn Fenwick, Director of Human Resources, efenwick@county.haliburton.on.ca by 4:30pm March 13, 2015.

A copy of the detailed job description is available online at www.haliburtoncounty.ca.

We thank you for your application, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. The County of Haliburton is an equal opportunity employer. In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the information gathered will be used solely for the purpose of job selection.

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Village prepares for the Dorset Snowball

DORSET NEWS

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Snowball! Snowball! Snowball! The whole village is preparing for the biggest event of the year! The 25th annual Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival is this weekend, Friday, Feb. 20 and Saturday, Feb. 21. A Dorset Snowball button is required for all activities and are available at many local businesses, at the recreation centre and will be at the gate on Saturday.

As part of the festivities, Craig Macdonald (historian and winter travel specialist) is hosting a night of winter camping on Friday, Feb. 20 in the carnival grounds. Space is very limited and open to the first six qualified entrants (must have a 3-4 season sleeping bag, Thermarest pad and proper winter clothing). The evening begins at 6 p.m. with a beef stew dinner with tea biscuits, hot chocolate, tea, coffee and dessert (no alcohol). Bring your skates for

the Snowball Skating Party followed by star gazing on the lake weather permitting. Cost is by donation and reservations are required. For more information or to sign up contact the recreation centre 705-766-9968 or drc@algonquinhighlands.ca

The Snowball family skating party at the Dorset outdoor rink runs on Friday from 6 to 9 p.m., with music (or dance at the rec centre – weather depending), hot chocolate and hot dogs. This event is sponsored by the Dorset Recreation Committee and donations to help cover costs are much appreciated. Music is provided by KJ Chris.

Events kick off at 8 a.m. on Saturday with the Muskoka Shrine Club Hillbilly Unit all you can eat pancake breakfast. The breakfast is followed by a plethora of activities, entertainment, displays and demonstrations too many to mention! For a detailed schedule visit www.dorsetsnowball.com or check your mailbox for your copy. For more information, you can also call the Recreation Centre at 705-766-9968. Volunteers and sponsors are welcome!

The final snowshoe adventure hike is this Sunday Feb. 22 and is called Surviving Winter. Learn some strategies

and techniques for coping with cold and snow should you find yourself lost. The time is 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. and the leader is Corina Hall Mansfield. Participants will be meeting at the Nordic Inn, 1019 Nordic Inn Road in Dorset. Advance registration is required and the cost to participate is \$20 per person. A free Snowball button for every paid registration! Call the recreation centre at 705-766-9968.

The Dorset Lions Club annual complimentary seniors dinner for all Dorset area seniors ages 50+ takes place on Wednesday, Feb. 25 starting at 6 p.m. Reservations are requested by Feb. 18 by calling Gail at 705-766-9558 or Esther at 705-766-2830.

The next Casino Rama bus leaves Dorset on Wednesday, March 4. For more information or to reserve a spot on the bus, please call Shirley at 705-766-9347.

Birthday wishes for Feb. 15 to 21 go out to Sarina McKey, Lisa and Lindsey Dunn, Chris Clarke and Jamie Hurley. If you have items or birthdays for the Dorset News, please send them along to malfano@hotmail.ca or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

Cooks and helpers needed for Minden Legion



LEGION BR. 636

During an assembly last week at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, I had the honour of presenting the awards in the branch level Remembrance Poster and Literary Competitions. These young people are all very talented and we expect to hear their names again in the future. The first place winners advanced to the Zone Level to compete against 13 branches of the Royal Canadian Legion. Among all those students from every school in our Zone, Liam McAlister came in second in essays and three other ASES students came in third in their category. That's quite an accomplishment, congratulations to everyone.

Jenn Wilson, the hospitality chairperson at Minden Legion is issuing another appeal for cooks or helpers

for Thursday lunches until our snowbirds return from vacation. If you are interested in volunteering for a few hours once a week, or even for occasional evening or weekend events, please leave a message at 705-286-4541. Our latest volunteer cook is not a member of Minden Legion, but has come back to help with the Friday lunch special while someone else goes on vacation to the sunny south. Beer-battered fish and fries is the special, served noon to 2 p.m. and then another crew takes over for supper from 5 to 7 p.m. The later menu, which also offers wings and onion rings, is getting to be quite the hit with the winter cottagers who call ahead for a take out.

Attention members of Minden Legion, the general membership meetings will be starting up again. The first meeting after the winter break will be Wednesday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m. If you are looking for your 2015 membership card, please check with Stacey, it's likely waiting for you behind the bar. There is a member-only zone euchre tournament coming on March 7 at Beaverton Legion.

Member-only mixed darts tournament, (two man-two woman teams) in Fenelon Falls on March 14. See the bulletin board in the Sports Room for more information.

You do not have to be a member of the Legion in order to enjoy playing cards and darts at the Minden Legion. Anyone can participate at the next Sunday Big Euchre, which will be March 1, 12 games of cards starting at twelve noon for \$12, and includes lunch. On Tuesday afternoons Minden seniors play euchre at the Legion, and on Thursday evenings the public is welcome to break up the week with a pleasant evening of Euchre. Cost is just \$2 which includes coffee and goodies.

Thursday afternoons from 1 to 4 p.m., all ladies are welcome to play darts. Friday nights at 7:30 p.m. there are team darts usually looking for spares and the Branch is open until darts are finished. And if you and your friends would like to throw a few darts during the day, we usually have several dart boards available, just check with the Bar Steward to make sure nothing else is booked for that area.

In the Garden with Van Gogh



HCPL's Junior Book of the Month

In the Garden with Van Gogh by Julie Merberg and Suzanne Bober

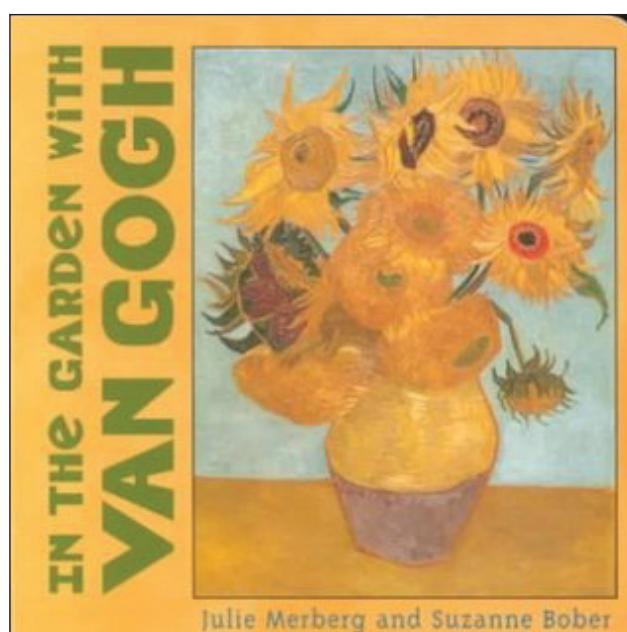
Set against the backdrop of Vincent Van Gogh's countryside paintings, Julie Merberg and Suzanne Bober tell a poetic story about life in the country. Perfect for little ones, this board book starts with Van Gogh's Sunflowers "Twelve sunflowers lean towards the light. Five are wide open, seven shut tight."

Van Gogh's paintings are used to take art lovers big and very very small through a busy day of farming: sowing seeds in the field, picking olives from trees, snoozing in haystacks, and baby's first steps.

In the Garden with Van Gogh by Julie Merberg and Suzanne Bober, along with their follow up book *Sharing with Renoir*, are available to reserve at the Haliburton County Public Library.

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Here at the old farmhouse the Sunday morning mood turned sombre. The “Deep River Kid” and I, appropriately layered, were just about ready to brave the elements and head out for lunch in Lindsay with daughter Megan and her family when the telephone rang. It was thoughtful daughter-in-law Rita calling from Crystal Lake to assure herself that we were all right and certainly not planning to leave the interior warmth for the frigid outdoors. Apparently the cottage radio had directed that elderly family members and neighbours be contacted to ensure their well-being. We quickly realized that the fridge door list we once used to call during extreme weather, power outages and other emergencies now had to be revised. Without a pause we headed out to the Ford Flex closing the kitchen door firmly behind just as the telephone started ringing. Traffic was light, lunch delicious and the company worth the trip however we are considering changing the present very formal phone answering message to something more exciting. Perhaps a reference to snowshoes, ice fishing or tango lessons would be in order.

The next two items should be of special interest to

country music fans. On Sunday, March 8 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Coboconk Legion there will be a Country Music Jamboree hosted by the Country Hot Flashes along with Scott Russell and Ron Lister. Join in the open mic session and/or old fashioned square dancing. Admission is \$7 (\$5 for open mic) and food will be available. Plans are for a Jamboree on the second Sunday of every month with the next one scheduled for April 12 so mark your calendars now.

Also coming up is a fundraiser for the Haliburton County Fair to be held at the S.G.Nesbitt Community Centre, Minden on Saturday, March 21 with a Social Hour at 5 p.m. followed by a ham and scalloped potatoes dinner served at 6:30 p.m. At 8 p.m. the Country Music Show will feature the Country Hot Flashes and Stockdale Central. Tickets are \$25 and available at the door or call Wendy at 705-286-1225, Joe at 705-286-2309 or Linda at 705-286-1544. To quote from the poster, “Put on your country duds, come and enjoy home cooked vittals and some good old foot stompin’ tunes”.

Winter in Canada, a juried exhibition from across Canada, continues at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, 176 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden through to March 21. In the call for submissions artists “were encouraged to create a piece in their media that expresses their love/hate relationship with winter” with 35 works selected as a result. For open hours contact the gallery at 705-286-3763.

This coming weekend Kinmount will celebrate its annual Winterfes” with a great slate of family activities beginning with the Family Snowflake Ball sponsored by the Kinmount Community Centre Management Board on Saturday, Feb. 21 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in the community

centre. The program kicks off on Sunday, morning Feb. 22 with a pancake breakfast served in the community centre from 8 to 11 a.m. Then at the arena and fairgrounds from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. a great program of both indoors and outdoors activities gets underway with games, contests, sleigh rides, exhibits, food and much more. Be sure to put a touch of red and white on your winter garb as this year’s theme is “Celebrate 50 Years of the Canadian Flag”. For more details give Julie a call at Austin Lumber 705-488-2961 or check out the website kinmount.ca.

The annual Loonie Auction & Trivia Night hosted by and a fundraiser for the Victoria Pony Club will be held on Saturday, March 7 at the Galway Hall with doors open at 5:30 p.m. and pizza served at 6:30 p.m. The evening includes a Loonie Auction, Country Raffle and Trivia Contest. Tickets are \$10 and available from Pony Club members or at Austin Lumber.

The Kinmount & Area Artisans Guild’s Annual General Meeting for the year 2014 will be held on Sunday, March 8 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Kinmount Community Centre. All Guild members are urged to attend and reminded to set those clocks forward to Daylight Saving Time. The Artisans Marketplace on the lower level of the Community Centre is the primary project of the Guild and open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weather permitting. If unsure please call ahead at 705-488-1414.

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County card scores

February 10 contract bridge at Minden United Church: From Nancy Ballantyne the news that David Gray took top marks at 4,480 then Diane James 4,240 and Don Ballantyne 3,770 with David Gray and partner Donna McArthur taking an elusive Grand Slam.

February 10 contract bridge at Club 35: The high scoring quartet members were Bruce Armstrong 6,330, Pearl Foster 6,050, Ross Davies 4,790 and our bridge reporter [3 events] Muriel McIntosh 4,540. Nancy Kursbatt was awarded the Lucky Loonie while Irena and Alek Zworski took a Small Slam. [I apologise to Irena and Alek for recently misspelling their surname].

February 10 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: In first were Sandy Poulton and George Hamilton at 322 followed by Bev Alexander and Merv Elstone 299. Third spot went to Connie Sawyer and Jean Randell 278 while Yvonne Arbuthnot partnered with Eleanor Lymer posted the afternoon’s low of 192. Thanks to Pearl Cowen for this update.

February 10 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading ladies were Pat Marshall 274, Georgina Parkes 255, our reporter Betty Wagar 254 and Theresa Deak 251. First for the gents at 276 was Albert Foster then Archie Ross 256, Bob Pollard 248 and Bruce Medcalf 238. Tom Grix won the major draw with Dorothy McElwain, Albert Foster and Ron Morrison claiming the smaller prizes. In the moonshot department Tom Grix, Bob Pollard, Archie Ross and Theresa Deak had singles while Georgina Parkes doubled and Ron Morrison had a hat trick.

February 10 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: The group enjoyed a special evening with Radio Bingo followed by a Pot Luck and euchre. Lone hand honours went to our reporter Nancy McPherson with Donna Darby high lady and Linda Schrader low. Jim MacPherson topped the gents with Harold Harvie low man. The regular special prize was won by Gala Newell while Rae Dawn Shephard and Terry Davis took home the Valentine’s Day prizes.

February 11 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing Howell Muriel McIntosh and Ross Davies led at 62 percent then Ev Morgan partnered with Peter O’Connor 61 percent and at 51 percent Kathie Porter and

Diane James.

February 12 euchre at Minden Legion: Most lone hand holders were Theresa Deak and Harold Harvie with Pearl Cowen and John Deak posting the high scores. The evening’s lows went to Debbie Deschamps and our reporter Tom Grix while Betty Wagar, Theresa Deak, Pearl Cowen and Howard Smith took home the other prizes.

February 13 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing Howell Muriel McIntosh and Ross Davies tied for first place at 58 percent with Peter O’Connor and Jackie Metcalf while Irena and Alek Zworski claimed second spot at 57 percent. .

February 13 euchre at Staunworth Court, Minden: Shirley Howe reports that Sherin Brown won for both high hands and the special prize while Pat Bailey took lone hand honours and Lil Mann won for low hands.

February 14 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Leading ladies were Barb Robitaille 319, Pat Roussel 293, Eileen Shepstone 266 and Theresa Deak 262. At 304 Ida Young was first for the gents followed by Dwaine Lloyd 263, our reporter Albert Foster 255 and John Deak 246. Albert also won the main special prize with Archie Ross, Ron Morrison and Dwaine Lloyd claiming the smaller rewards while Bev Johnson, Theresa Deak and again Albert took the moonshots.

February 16 euchre at St. Paul’s Friendship Club, Minden: Tim Sharpe reports that for most lone hands the winners were Pearl Cowen and Lorna Hicks with Ellen Holden and Kay Godden recording the high scores. The afternoon’s low went to Sue Grant while Yvonne Arbuthnot claimed the special prize.

February 16 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: Leading the scoring was Dana Briscoe 240 then tied for second spot at 225 Frank Franzen and Sheldon with Jesse Barlow 215 third. The draw winner was Pauline Franzen while Karin Harrison and Frank Franzen took the moonshots. Thanks to Rose Isaacson for this news.

February 16 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Winning for high hands was Lil Mann, for lone hands Bev Johnson, for low hands Joan Riel and for the special prize Pearl Cowen. This update comes from our reporter Sherin Brown.

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Loving mother of Michael Gorveatt and his wife Jacqueline of Cobourg and predeceased by Kimberly Gilmore and Rodney Gorveatt. Loving grandmother of Aiden and Ashton. Dear sister of Bonny, Barb and predeceased by Bill, Doug and Joyce. Sister-in-law to Dorothy and Don. Fondly remembered by her many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 from 12:00 o'clock noon until the time of the Service to Celebrate Lillian's Life at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the Monk-Cray Family Centre at the funeral home. Interment to take place in the Spring at the Zion United Church Cemetery.

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It is with great sorrow we announce the passing of a much loved wife, mother, and grandmother at Extendicare - Haliburton on Saturday February 14, 2015 at the age of 85. Precious and very loving wife to the late John Donald (Don) Robinson. Beloved and devoted mother of Lynda Porter and her husband Robert (Bob) of Haliburton and Jeffrey (Jeff). Much loved grandma of Jennifer and Chris Porter. "We'll be loving you always."

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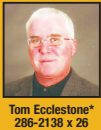
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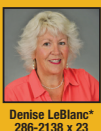
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Wenona Lake \$289,900



- 3BR cottage with stunning view
- Great rock and sand shoreline
- Matching bunkie
- Recent upgrades include shingles, piers, driveway, bathroom

Susanne James & Andy Mosher 457-2128 x 33

Lovely Home or Getaway! \$149,000



- 3 Bdrm, 1 Bath, only 10 min to Haliburton
- Open concept, lots of windows, 2 living areas
- W/O deck through kitchen & master
- Easy access to snowmobile trails & lake

Valerie Kulla 705-455-7070

Haliburton Commercial \$229,000



- Wonderful downtown location
- Currently used as a triplex
- Commercially zoned for future
- Private parking

Denise LeBlanc 286-2138 x 23


Norland Area Home \$269,000



- 2 Storey Royal home w/att garage
- 3 bdrms, master w/ensuite & Jacuzzi
- Partially finished bsmt
- Landscaped, 1.53 acres

David Lee 286-2138 x 27

Wonderful Family Home! \$245,000



- 4 BR, 3 bath with open concept design
- Full walkout from partially finished basement
- Screen room overlooking private 4.8 acres
- Close to both town and access to Minden Lake

Erin Nicholls 457-2128 x 34

Minden Home \$147,000



SOLD

- Central location, value packed and priced to sell
- 3 Bedroom home with double detached garage
- Lovely 1+ acre lot with gardens & trees
- 200 amp service, newer roof, FA Furnace

Karen Nimigon 457-2128 x 29

Halls Lake \$250,000



SOLD

- Great property with original 1940's cabin
- + 440 sq ft Bunkie with 1 BR, bath & kitchen
- Beautiful, hard packed, sand bottom beach!!

Margie Prestwich 705-306-0491

Spectacular Soyers Lake \$1,800,000



- Sun all day, huge lake view, gorgeous sand beach, incredible sunsets
- Executive cottage with 4 bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths, gourmet kitchen, 2 fireplaces
- Separate guest suite, finished lower level, rec room, wet bar, office
- Attached triple car garage as well as detached 30 x 40 workshop

Greg Stamp 457-2128 x 28

Spectacular Soyers Lake \$1,800,000



- Incredible landscaping with stone walkways and patios
- Mature perennial gardens and inground irrigation
- Great privacy, well treed lot with level lake front
- Best beach on Soyers Lake!

Kim Stamp 457-2128 x 24

Glamor Lake \$569,000



- Stunning sunsets from this property
- WO to lakeside deck from master, kit & livingrm
- WO bsmt, landscaped lot, perennial gardens
- 3 car gar. with storage, + out buildings, custom dock

Elizabeth Thompson 457-2128 x 52

Minden Home \$199,000



SOLD

- Charming 3 Bdrm, 2 Bath with a Dock on the River
- Beautiful Hardwoods, Inlays and Propane Fireplace
- Attached Sunroom and Garage
- Many Recent Upgrades

Melanie Vigrass 286-2138 x 32

Summer Dreaming? \$599,000



- Gorgeous sand beach at waterfront
- Viceroy style 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, year round cottage
- Western exposure on great 3 lake chain
- Buy now and be ready for Summer!

Tom Wilkinson 286-2138 x 25


Tedious Lake \$519,000



- Newly built 3 bedroom, 2 bath cottage
- 2+ acres, 150' water frtg & stunning sunsets
- Open concept layout with cathedral ceilings
- Full & finished walkout basement

Andrea Wilson 457-2128 x 25

Award winning KOA \$1,599,000



- Time to be your own boss?
- 178 Campsites on 70 acres
- Recent upgrades
- Good income

Tom Wilkinson 286-2138 x 25

Clear Lake \$425,000



- Year Round 3 Bdrm/2 Bath Chalet
- Emerald Waters 2 Hours from GTA
- Detached Garage for the Toys
- Woodstove, Furnace, Generator

Melanie Vigrass 286-2138 x 32

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